

SUPPORT CASA!

Our Wish List:

***Inspired Volunteers and Delegates** to join us in Mexico (see website for application and details)

***Cash donations** to support our small operating budget (currently around \$950/month per house) and create scholarships for future volunteers

***Donations** to the house: **Books** or **subscriptions** for our library (Latin America, Mexico, globalization, privilege and solidarity issues, etc.) **technology** (digital camera, printer, CD player, computer), **bed sheets, office supplies**

***Partners in Solidarity!** Visit us in Mexico! Visit us on the web! Receive our monthly newsletter! Get involved in your own community!

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A TAX-DEDUCTIBLE CONTRIBUTION OF:

\$10 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$75 ___ \$100 ___ other ___

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About Our Sponsor

CASA is sponsored by the Faithful Fools (www.faithfulfools.org), a street ministry based in San Francisco and centered in the Unitarian Universalist and Catholic traditions. The Faithful Fools is a charitable and educational organization created in 1998 to address the existence of poverty in the midst of material wealth.



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Our Volunteers: We facilitate the work of international long term volunteers in Mexico. We provide assistance in matching the skills and interests of folks with the needs of local organizations and communities. We provide affordable housing, resources and a space for reflection and support. We provide orientation to the Chiapas and Oaxaca contexts through a series of workshops and discussions.

Our Partners: Our volunteers carry out essential work for nonprofit organizations and indigenous communities. The groups we work with do not align themselves with a particular political party. They aim to work appropriately in accordance to the expressed needs of communities, always striving to empower people locally. We work with organizations in many fields: conflict resolution, potable water, organic agriculture, women's organizations, corporate globalization research, and independent media among others.

Communities in Chiapas and Oaxaca: We support the struggles of marginalized indigenous communities by working with appropriate projects. Our volunteers participate in human rights observation (to monitor military presence in rural areas) and other projects proposed directly to communities or the Zapatista Juntas of Good Government and autonomous assemblies.

Our home communities: It is essential that we share with our home communities what we learn from resistant movements in Mexico and the struggles they face. We publish a monthly news and analysis bulletin, host short term solidarity delegations and coordinate speaking events. Our volunteers learn about the interconnections between the U.S. and Mexico and continue to support and organize around social justice issues and the growing international movement against corporate globalization.



CASA, Colectivos de Apoyo, Solidaridad y Accion

CASA, (formerly Chiapas Peace House Project), founded in 2001, is a center for solidarity work and radical education in Mexico.

We seek to promote social justice and sustainable development in Mexico and the United States and build awareness of corporate globalization and human rights issues through firsthand experiences.

Starting in October 2006, CASA will be expanding our work to the neighboring state of Oaxaca. As in Chiapas, our programming in Oaxaca will address the need for international solidarity and support for Oaxacan communities as well as the absence of radical educational spaces that allow international activists to share skills and participate in projects and experiential learning to understand global systems of injustice and resistance.

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ABOUT CHIAPAS

Chiapas, the southernmost state of Mexico, has a unique history of inequality, injustice and resistance. Chiapas is the poorest state of Mexico, with the highest percentage of indigenous people (30% of the population). Centuries of displacing, enslaving and outright killing of indigenous peoples has led to a climate of extreme poverty, racism, and tension. On January 1, 1994, some of the most forgotten and exploited people in the Americas, Indigenous Mayans, marching together as the Zapatista National Liberation Army, declared Basta! (Enough!). They demanded land, education, democracy, justice and protection of indigenous rights and culture. Since the uprising and the inception of NAFTA (also 1994), the Zapatistas have become some of the most articulate critics of neoliberal economics.

ABOUT OAXACA

There is a great need for human rights observation, international attention and volunteer support in the state of Oaxaca as it now ranks first in Mexico for human rights abuses. Like Chiapas, Oaxaca has a history of grassroots movements for economic and social justice. Oaxaca contains the largest indigenous population in Mexico, and among the highest levels of poverty and marginalization. As Oaxaca is rich in biodiversity it has been the target of corporate-led development at the expense indigenous people's right to self determination, as well as economic and ecological sustainability. Oaxaca is also first in the nation for violence against women and is among the top five Mexican states with the highest level of immigration to the United States.

Starting in May 2006, 70,000 members of the Teachers Union have occupied the streets of Oaxaca. Their principal demand is the resignation of State Governor, Ulises Ruíz, who has acted to eliminate rights such as freedom of the press, expression, and consultation. The Teachers Union, together with many social movements and civic organizations, has formed the Assembly of the Oaxacan People, whose hope is to provide an alternative to the oppressive political model.